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**Amendment to the Claims**

**"Claims**

**I Claim:**

1. (currently amended): A device for applying a wetted wallpaper border roll with a glued back and an unglued front to a receiving surface, comprising a: cylindrical cup portion with a circular top edge, and a circular bottom planar surface with a circular bottom edge, and a handle portion,

said cylindrical cup portion further comprising a longitudinal slot open at said circular top edge and closed at said circular bottom edge, a plurality of side slits symmetrically aligned along said cylindrical cup portion, and a plurality of pin holes symmetrically aligned adjacent to said circular top edge of said cylindrical cup portion,

wherein, with said wetted wallpaper border roll in is placed into said device with said glued back portion facing said receiving surface, and while simultaneously holding said handle portion, said user ~~submerges~~ ~~said~~ ~~device~~ ~~in~~ ~~water~~ ~~to~~ ~~wet~~ ~~said~~ ~~glued~~ ~~back~~, and then aligns said device along a desired horizontal and vertical measurement of said receiving surface and swipes said device along a desired length of said receiving surface, thereby pulling said wallpaper border through said longitudinal slot of said cylindrical cup portion, and simultaneously adhering said glued back of said wallpaper border to said receiving surface, and further, anchoring said device to said receiving surface by conventional anchoring means, for hands free movement during application of said wallpaper border until all said wallpaper border is spent.

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2. (currently amended): Device according to **Claim 1**, wherein said cylindrical cup portion further comprises a flat circular cap portion with a rim portion, further comprising a notch, wherein said notched rim portion is aligned with said open end of said longitudinal slot, when said flat circular cap portion is friction fitted over said circular top edge of said cylindrical cup portion, in order to secure said wallpaper border into said device during wetting and to pull said wallpaper border freely through said longitudinal slot to avoid rubbing and tearing said wallpaper border on said rim portion.

3. (original): Device according to **Claim 1**, wherein said plurality of side slits are aligned longitudinally along said cylindrical cup portion.

4. (original): Device, according to **Claim 1**, wherein said plurality of side slits are aligned concentrically around said cylindrical cup portion.

5. (original): Device, according to **Claim 1**, wherein said device is comprised of a one solid molded piece of waterproof plastic material, to enhance strength and durability.

6. (original): Device, according to **Claim 1**, wherein said device is comprised of transparent waterproof plastic material, which enhances the viewing of the position of said wallpaper border inside said device in order to observe when said wallpaper border is nearing its end and needs to be replaced.

7. (currently amended). Device, according to **Claim 1**, wherein said device is comprised of plastic mesh material, which enhances the viewing of the position of said wallpaper border inside said device in order to observe when said wallpaper border is nearing its end and needs to be replaced, which increases the sufficiently of even water

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flow through said device to enhance the even wetting of said wallpaper border and reduce  
water logging of the wetted wallpaper border, and wherein said anchoring means is  
attached to said device through openings in said mesh material.

8. (original): Device, according to Claim 1, wherein said anchoring means is  
attached to said device through one of a plurality of pin holes symmetrically aligned  
adjacent to said top edge of said cylindrical cup portion.

9. (original): Device, according to Claim 1, wherein said handle portion of said  
device further comprises a flat circular planar top portion with a centrally located  
threaded male bolt means which threadedly attaches to a centrally located threaded  
female bore means on said circular bottom planar surface of said cylindrical cup portion.

10-18. (canceled).